

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 6 and 8-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 14 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

As requested in the June 1 and 2, 2009 Amendments, Applicants again request the Examiner to provide return a fully initially copy of the PTO/SB/08a filed on January 4, 2006.

Claims 1, 6, 8 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,445,249) in view of JP-542789 (JP '789). Further, claims 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Aida et al., in view of JP '789, and further in view of Wood (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0134733). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The dynamic vibration absorber defined by the amended claims 1 and 14 comprises the damping mechanism disposed in the space between and defined by the concave surface of the one of two leaf springs and the concave surface of the other one of two leaf springs which faces to the concave surface of the one of two of the leaf springs. Therefore, it is possible to provide a dynamic vibration absorber which can be compactly installed with the damping mechanism without the mutual interference of the leaf springs and the damping mechanism, even if the mass of the weight is made large, since there is no need to especially provide a large space with respect to a structure for allowing the weight to undergo predetermined swinging motion.

Neither Aida et al., JP '789 nor Wood discloses a damping mechanism disposed in the space between and defined by the concave surface of one or two of the leaf springs and the concave surface of the other one or two of the leaf springs, as claimed.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are patentable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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